Washington Club to Draft Minor League Players—Today's Game Is Off

BALL REGULARLY.

GRIFFITH WILL PUT IN MANY DRAFTS FOR MINOR LEAGUERS

Hopes to Strengthen Team in This Manner Nationals Are Playing Poorly and Must Brace Up to Hold Third Place.

BY J. ED GRIEZO.

While Rondeau, the player recently purchased from Minneapolis, is perhaps the only one the Washington club will purchase this fall, an effort is to be made to secure a number of youngsters from the minor leagues by the draft route. Griffith intends to put in drafts for eight or ten young playpurchased from Minneapolis, is per-haps the only one the Washington club will purchase this fall, an effort is to be made to secure a number of youngsters from the minor leagues by the draft route. Griffith intends to put in drafts for eight or ten young play-

ers who are making good with the minors. This, however, does not assure anything, for the chances are that the other fifteen major league clubs will also be after these players, and the question of where they shall get their trials will be decided by lot.

The draft meeting of the national commission is held early in September. The chances are that hundreds of drafts will be put in for various players, as was the case last season, but in only rare instances do these players amount to anything. Usually the best players of the minors are sold before

amount to anything. Usually the best players of the minors are sold before the draft season sets in and the material that is left usually does not amount to much.

"I shall put in quite a number of drafts this year in the hope of picking up a few players that are reported to me as having a chance to make good, but who are not strong enough to warrant their being purchased," said Griffith. "I shall take a chance, and if I have any luck may pick up a good man or two in this way."

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An official report from the American League, which keeps tab on the Federal League, reached here yesterday and showed that the Chifeds are not drawing very well out in Chicago. The other day the Baltimore Feds and Tinker's team hooked up in a first-place fight and according to the sleuths of organized base ball who have been watching the progress of the outlaws there were a thousand people in the inclosure the first day and only 1,500 the second, with first place involved and ideal weather conditions prevailing.

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There will have to be considerable improvement in the playing of the Nationals shortly if the team expects to hold its present position in the race. Detroit is now but two games behind the Griffmen, and if the Tigers can keep up the pace they set here it is only a question of time when they will pass the locals.

The Griffmen's greatest failure of late has been their inability to hit. There is not a man on the team who is hitting anywhere near his true form, and, as a result, runs are few and far between.

Coils About Ball and Is Killed, But

Unnerves Woman

Player.

Milwaukee, a fourteen-year-old player,

Miss Florence Wikoff of Calumet had

an odd experience in her match with

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Lawrence, 6; Lowell, 5. Portland, 2; Lynn, 1. Worcester, 4; Haverhill, 2.

was among the starters.

OF STROKE IN GOLF

SNAKE CAUSES LOSS

Teams. W. L. Pet. Win. Lose. New York.. 59 48 .551 .556 .546

SCHEDULES.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Misplays of Johnson Give Visitors All Their Runs.

FAIL TO HIT SPIT BALL

Reynolds Holds Griffmen in Check With Moistened Delivery-Nationals Got One in First Inning.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

NEW YORK, August 26 .- New York vesterday by easily defeating the west-Benz was knocked out of the box in less than an inning, and the veteran Walsh also was badly treated. Cole pitched a steady game for the Yankees, while Maisel starred at the bat. Score:

It was in the third inning that the Tigers did their scoring. Stanage started for a few years more." this inning with a single. Reynolds bunt-ed right at Johnson and a double play

No More Scoring Afterward.

After that there was no more scoring The Nationals secured their tally in the Mrs. G. F. Henneberry of Glenview. On the fourth green a snake coiled itself little trouble winning a 3 to 1 victory Foster sent him to third with a single. the fourth green a snake coiled itself around Miss Wikoff's ball and her caddle killed it with a midiron. In doing so he moved the ball, which cost Miss Wikoff a stroke and hole and unnerved her during the rest of her play.

Miss Helmer easily won her way into the second round by defeating Mrs. A. A. Mearning of Wheaton, 3 up and 2 to play, while Miss Laurie Kaiser of St. Louis, Monday's low medalist, eliminated Miss Elizabeth Allen of Rock Island, 2 up.

little trouble winning a 3 to 1 victory from Boston yesterday.

In the fourth imning Hoblitzell missed Chapman's grounder and the error allowed two bases. Chapman scored on Jackson's single. On the throw-in Jackson's single and the second control, baffled the local batters, which allowed Moeller to score. After that Reynolds was invincible and was invincible

Clyde Milan expects to break into the line-up the latter part of this week, probably in the first of the Chicago series. Milan, who has been working out every day, is gradually rounding into form. He says he expects to play within a few days.

Other American League Games

Yankees Smother White Sox.

Naps Surprise Red Sox.

Philadelphia ... 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 x-1
Run-Pennock. Three-base hit-Pennock. Sacriface hit-Davies. Stolen bases—Agnew and C.
Walker. Double plays—Pennock to Schang to
Mclnnis: Baker to McInnis; Barry to Collins to
McInnis. Left on bases—St. Louis, 3; Philadelphia, 4. First base on balls—Off James, 3.
First base on errors—St. Louis, 1; Philadelphia,
I. Struck out—By Pennock, 4. Umpires—
Messrs. Connolly and Chill. Time of game—1
hour and 35 minutes.

RAWLINS SERIOUSLY ILL.

Young Polo Player Has Broken Collarbone as Result of Fall.

NEW YORK, August 26.-John Arm polo players in America, who was intured game at Meadow Brook, L. I., last Satur day, was yesterday said to be danger-

Mr. Rawlins is being treated said that he had a chance for recovery, but that it was very slight. He has been uncon-scious most of the time since Monday morning. Some years ago Mr. Rawlins was active

as a polo player and was considered a star. On August 2, 1908, playing on the Point Judith team at Narragansett Pier, he was thrown from his herse and broke his collarbone.

STANDING, SCHEDULES AND RESULTS IN BIG BASE BALL LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE. 78 37 .678 .681 .672 Soston.... 64 48 .571 .575 .566 Vationals. . 60'54 .526 .530 .522 Detroit.... 59 57 .509 .513 .504 Chicago.... 56 61 .479 .483 .475 St. Louis... 54 61 .470 .474 .466 New York.. 52 63 .452 .457 .448 Tleveland 39 81 395 331 399

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Boston.... 60 49 .550 .555 .545 St. Louis... 62 53 .539 .543 .534 Chicago.... 59 54 .522 .526 .518 Phila..... 51 59 .464 .468 .459 Cincinnati. 52 60 .464 .469 .460 Pittsburgh. 51 59 .464 .468 .459 Brooklyn.. 49 61 .445 .450 .441

VESTERDAY'S RESULTS. it, 2; Washington, 1, Cleveland, 3; Boston, 1, New York, 9; Chicago, 0, Philadeiphia, 9; St. Louis, 0, Philadeiphia, 1; St. Louis, 0,

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
4; Chicago, 1.
Pittsburgh, 2; Philadelphia, 0.
New York-St. Louis—Rain,
Brooklyn-Cincinnati—Rain,

TODAY.
Cleveland at Wash'n.
Chicago at Philadelphia.
St. Louis at New York.
Detroit at Boston.
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New York at St. Louis.
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh.
Boston at Chicago.

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Storon at St. Louis.
Philadel'a at Chicago.

Detroit made it three out of four from the Nationals yesterday, winning from active. He is fifty-two years of age, and has been playing with the Ninth Street tallies the victors secured resulted from poor form, so far as fielding was con

Browns Couldn't Score.

PHILADELPHIA, August 26.—Philadelphia shut out St. Louis in both games here yesterday, the scores being to play.

Mrs. H. D. Hammond of Indianaoilis defeated Miss Entered Mrs. F. G. Jones of Memphis, 2 up and 1 to play.

Mrs. G. F. Henneberry of Glenview defeated Miss Laurie Kalser of St. Louis and Flossmoore defeated Miss Elizabeth Allen of Rock Island, 2 up.

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Mrs. Raiph Smalley of Windsor defeated Miss Elarge Edwards of Midothian, 1 up in 19 Mars. Raiph Smalley of Windsor defeated Miss Elarge Edwards of Midothian, 1 up in 19 Mars. Colburs of Miss Colbural Midothian, 1 up in 19 Mars. Colburs of Midothian Midothian Mars. Colburs of Midot

TY NEEDS A PITCHER; CADDY GOES "IN BOX"

Ty Cobb recently became imbued with the golf fever and went to a course near Detroit to try his skill at the game. Six times he swung at the ball on the first tee and once he succeeded in flicking it for almost two feet. in flicking it for almost two feet.
Growing discouraged, he called
to his caddy and said: "Here,
boy, throw that ball to me!"
The caddy pitched the ball and
alt hit the ground just before it
reached Cobb, bounding almost
knee high. Swinging as though
his driver were a bat, Ty sent a
low liner which cleared the first
bunker and traveled more than
200 yards. bunker and traveled more than 200 yards.

Cobb is usually a right field hitter, and the hall had a bit of a slice, which carried it into a bad place in the long grass. Cobb was not called upon to extricate himself from trouble, however, for the eaddy refused to pitch any more balls. Cobb's drive had missed his head by a bare foot.

WHITE FLYER TRAP SHOOTING Ed Ford and Will Blundon Get

94 of 100 Targets Each. Notwithstanding a high wind and drizzling rain, some good scores were made at the traps at the White Flyer Club yesterday. E. S. Ford and W. C. Blundon did the best shooting among the amateurs, each breaking 94 targets out of 100. W. S. Duvall broke 90 out of 100, Dr. A. V. Parsons broke \$5 out of 100, Dr. J. C. Wynkoop broke \$1 out of 100; G. A. Emmons, 53 out of 65; Mr. Baldwin, 14 out of 25, and E. Edmon-ston, 38 out of 50. Among the professionals, Frank Huse-man led with 94 out of 100.

ROUND ROBIN TENNIS.

Samuel Herrick of This City Wins Tourney at Longport, N. J. LONGPORT, N. J., August 26 .- The

annual tennis tournament at this place was won by Samuel Herrick of Washington, D. C. It being a "round robin" One of the first division clubs of the National League is likely to crack un-der the strain. McGraw has the satis-faction of knowing it will not be the Giants. They cracked long ago. affair, it was necessary for the winner to defeat each of the twelve other contestants.

Heretofore a Philadelphian has carried off the trophy.

Happenings Sportdom

"POP" KERPER.

Kerper, one of the catchers of the Ninth Street Christian Church Sunday School

nine, winner of the championship of the District. "Pop" has been playing base

hall here for more years than any other person in the city, and possibly has

taken part in the national sport longer than any other man living, to be still

Christians all this season. And, strange to say, he is catching-generally con

in this way: "I apologize, but will you tell me how many years you have

lived?" "That's more like it," "Pop" answered. "I'm fifty-two. I've been play-

ing ball ever since I was big enough to handle one, and, what's more, I'm good

ceded to be the most difficult work on the diamond. Kerper was asked his age

a few days ago. His reply was: "Old? I'm not old." The query was corrected

Perhaps the most unique figure in amateur base ball in Washington is "Pon"

BY J. ED GRILLO. Judged on the recent performances of

SMASH BY "MAC"

CUTS HOLE IN NET NEWPORT, R. L. August 26 ...

more speed than he showed on

the Casino courts yesterday in

the tennis doubles match against Mathey and Church. Several

times Church performed acrobat-

ic leaps and twists in the effort to avoid being struck by some of the cannon ball drives from "Mac's" racquet that were bound

out of court.

As an instance of the power the Californian put into his strokes, one of his smashes off Mathey's high lobs struck the stout twining of the net and bored a hole clean through, ripping the cords apart.

The crowd roared its approval, and then was taken out while

The crowd roared its approval, and time was taken out while Eddie Conlin of the West Side Tennis Club, New York, who was acting as a linesman, came to the rescue and repaired the damage.

Connie Mack's young pitchers, the one weakness which has been charged against his aggregation seems to have een eliminated. There has been nothing One Accepts, Another Rejects Offer. wrong with the twirling the Mackmer have had of late. It was a little erratic in the spring, but recently it has been of the highest class. Mack seems to have developed several

high-class young pitchers. Yesterday Bressler and Pennock, mere boys, scored shut-outs over the St. Louis Browns.

be enough good youngsters to make up for any shortcomings that these veterans may develop.

But the team as a whole is made up of young men who are in their prime and are sure to last for many seasons to come. Mack's club is constantly being strengthened, and while, of course, the game is rather uncertain, his team seems to outclass all its rivals and will continue to do so for many years to come.

That the easy manner in which the Mackmen are willing the pennant this year has been a detriment to the business of the American League is generally conceded. There is no longer any interest in the games being played by the other teams, and as a result a great financial loss is suffered.

But the future does not promise a change of conditions. The chances are that Mack's team will be stronger next season than at any other time. The only veterans on it are Bender and Plank, and they are not through when judiciously used, and there appears to be enough good youngsters to make up for any shortcomings that these veterans may develop.

But the team as a whole is made up of young men who are in their prime the rear are two teams in the American League pulling against two of the contenders in the National League race. The Yankees do not want the Giants to win the pennant, for that would kill their chances of playing off a post-season series with the McGraws, while the Chicago White Sox have their fingers crossed on the Cubs in the hope that they will not make an unexpected spurt and land on top, which would do away with the Sox-Cubs series in the fall. These series mean something for the players of the teams which are out of the pennant race, hence their pulling for defeats for Glants and Cubs.

A similar condition no doubt exists in Boston, where the Red Sox are hoping that the Braves will fail to land on top, for a series between the Sox and Braves is sure to prove a big money-maker.

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There will probably be few changes in the make-up of Griffith's team by next season. While there is undoubtedly room for improvement, it is questionable whether the material to make this possible will be available. The extent of the local club's purchases to date consists of one man, Rondeau, an outfielder, and it is not at all likely that any

"POP" KERPER, 52 YEARS OF AGE, STILL PLAYS BELL AND KELLEY DO WELL UNDER ADVERSE CONDITIONS

Remarkable Pitching Feat Is Accomplished in Drizzling Rain in Final of Amateur Series-Ninth Wins Title.

Considering the conditions under which the final game for the amateur base ball championship of the District was played. one of the most remarkable pitching exhibitions of the year was given. Bell, who was on the mound for Treasury, and Kelley, who did the honors for Ninth, were in splendid form, and their work was exceptional, to put it mildly.

With a ball wet from the rain that had been falling and heavy from conact with the soggy ground, Kelley and Bell held the teams opposing each other to a very small number of hits and generally were a great deal more effective than might have been expected. Kelley

Bought by Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, August 26.-

Barney Dreyfusa has announced the purchase of Pitcher Buck Sterzer of Washington, D. C., now

with the St. Joe club of the West-

ern League. Sterzer, who is a left-hander, will report to the

left-hander, will report to the Pirate camp at the close of the Western League season. This will be Sterzer's second trip to the majors, having been the property of the Detroit club in 1908 and part of the following year. He was farmed out to a club in the New York State League, but he balked and jumped to the Winchester (Va.) Independent team, where he played the remainder of the summer of 1909. Later he went to the Central League, being with Terre Haute. In 1912 and part of 1913 he pitched for Erie, being sold to St. Joe last summer along with Catcher Schang, who has been acquired from the St. Joe club by Dreyfuss.

National League Games.

Braves Cover Up Loss.

CHICAGO, August 26.-Boston regained part of its loss of Monday when it

defeated Chicago by 4 to 1 yesterday,

leaders in the pennant race. New York.

idle on account of rain, retained the lead.

TEXAS LEAGUE.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

Buck Sterzer, Local Boy,

Saturday, when the first double-header of the intercity series will be played. It is not figuring on letting itself rest with the honors already won, but will make desperate efforts to capture three out of the four contests scheduled with the Virginia nine, and with Ed Kelley and "Lefty" Cheney pitching the kind of ball they have shown in the intersectional series it is evident the Christians will have a chance to do so.

There have been few instances when two pitchers have shown such surprisingly good form as have Kelley and Cheney. Both have far exceeded expectations, and have really done better work against the championship organizations than in the contests with the teams in their own league. That they teams in their own league. That they have been able to rise to the occasion places them in a class with the most dependable pitchers in the District.

did the better work. He not only won his game, but prevented the Treasury team from scoring a run. Bell did not allow much more in the way of hits than did Kelley, but Ninth got three runs, scoring two in the first and one in the second inning.

The summary shows that Kelley allowed the Treasury batters to connect with his delivery for only two hits, a single and a two-bagger. He struck out five, gave one base on balls and hit a batsman. The Ninth team got three safeties off Bell, but the pitcher sent four batters to first by bases on balls; Bell struck out five men. There were four errors made behind Bell and only two back of Kelley. Errors figured largely in the runs obtained by Ninth. Even under good conditions it is questionable if a better game would have been pitched than that of yesterday. Kelley and Bell did remarkably well for any kind of weather, but that their performances should be so meritorious while workking in a drizzling rain is all the more creditable.

Crown, playing second base for Treasticle the substance of the District.

According to present prospects the dependable pitchers in the District.

According to present prospects the Maryland Agricultural College foot ball team is going to be even harder hit in the way of a loss of material than was spected when school closed last spring. Seven of the regulars of the 1913 eleven for an operation to be performed. That keef only one member of the backfield, Ruff, who gave promise of being a really brilliant performer, and around whom the will probably not return to school. Besides, the next most dependable youngster, Jimmy Vincent, is at the Sibley Hospital with a serious case of typhoid fever. This leaves the Farmers with only two members of the 1913 eleven with whom to start practice this fall. These are the tackles, Hindman and Bowland, both good men.

It is interesting to amateur followers of base ball to know that "Dutch" Sterier, former Technical High School star

any kind of weather, but that their performances should be so meritorious while workking in a drizzling rain is all the more creditable.

Crown, playing second base for Treastry, had nine opportunities to make plays and he accepted eight. Five assists, three put-outs and one error constituted his record for the day.

Ninth's victory of yesterday over the Treasury team gives it the undisputed right to the city championship. The Christians have won every game they have played in the intersectional series, which is about all the criterion that is desired in the estimation of fair-minded persons as to their superiority and their right to the chonor of playing against the Richmond nine.

Ninth will rest on its laurels until

CHAMPIONS TO ENTER IN BIG GOLF TOURNEY

International Players Lend Flavor to National Competition at Ekwanok.

NEW YORK, August 26 .- Including hree foreign entrants, one of them from Canada, there are 112 names on the list of entries given out last night by the United States Golf Association for its twentieth annual national amateur will begin next Monday and continue until Saturday, September 5, on the links of the Ekwanok Country Club, Manchester, Vt.

Norman E. Brookes of the Royal Melourne G. C., Australia, a mem the winning Davis cup tennis team: C. B. MacFarlane, Bushy Hall G. C., Scotland, who disposed of "Chick" Evans in this year's British championship, and C. B. Grier, Royal Montreal G. C., Canada, are the trio whose entries give an in-ternational flavor to this year's contest. ated Chicago by 4 to 1 yesterday, In addition, Jerome D. Travers, the now is within one point of the the title; W. J. Travis, Garden City, a three-time winner of national honors

Ings is portion

Firstes Pickle Phillies.

Pitts Pickl

Game Today Called Off; Double-Header Tomorrow

Shortly before I o'clock today Manager Griffith decided to call off the opening contest of the series with Cleveland scheduled for this afternoon. A doubleheader will be played tomorrow, the first game being set to start at 1 o'clock. WONDER WHAT MERTZ WILL SAY TODAY?



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